GUESS IT'S COLD ENOUGH FOR IT...
WOW! LOOK AT THE SNOW, TEA!

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YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU DON'T HURRY BACK~
HE~Y YOU TWO.
YOU'RE SUCH A KID...
THINK IT'LL STICK~?

IT FEELS REALLY WEIRD WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT...
SUDDENLY I REACHED THE SAME AGE AS SIGNUM.
...NOT HER HEIGHT THOUGH.

OH YEAH. IT'S CHRISTMAS TOMORROW, RIGHT?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THEN... TIME SURE FLIES.

NOW THAT I MENTION IT, I'LL BE SHAMAL'S AGE SOON...
WELL, THAT'S TRUE~ THINKING BACK ON THESE TEN YEARS, A LOT HAS...
HAYATE-CHAN ...PEOPLE GROW AS THEY GET ON IN YEARS...!
HAYATE!?
WHAT HAPPENED!?
SHAMAL MADE HER CRY!
YEAH!
EH~!?
SOB...
IT'S LIKE I HAD NO ROMANCE IN MY YOUTH...

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NEXT MORNING
RIGHT.
ALL THE YOUNGER KIDS HAVE THE DAY OFF TODAY!
THEN I'LL WORK ON WHAT'S PILING UP...
CHRISTMAS LEAVE... YOU SAID?
R-RIGHT...
ON CHRISTMAS, I'D LIKE YOU TO SPEND TIME ON SOMETHING YOU LOVE...
TEANA. THERE ARE THINGS MORE PRECIOUS THAN WORK...
...TWO GIRLS? ON A DAY LIKE TODAY?
THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE. WE SHOULD GO PLAY AROUND IN TOWN.
EVEN IF SHE SAYS THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN...
ALRIGHT~ WE GOT LEAVE~

IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER... ...I THINK I'LL PASS.
YOU WANT SOME TOO, TEA?
DELICIOUS~!
BRR~!
...BUT IT'S DEFINITELY ALL COUPLES OUT HERE. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN'T FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE IN THIS ATMOSPHERE.
AH! A STREET VENDOR!
ACCESSORIES, HUH? THIS ONE'S GOT A GOOD FEEL TO IT.
I DON'T RECALL US BECOMING A COUPLE THOUGH.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'VE BEEN PARTNERS FOR THREE YEARS, HAVEN'T WE?

HEH...?
HEY MISTER. WE'LL TAKE ONE OF THESE.
A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM ME.
HERE, TEA.
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
WAI...! SUBARU!?
HM?
IS THERE... SOMETHING YOU WANT?
WHA...! WHAT!?
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING LIKE...!
AH~ YEAH, YEAH.
YOU'RE SO TSUNDERE, TEA~
I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR!
SHUT UP!

AH! TEA, OVER THERE!
THIS IS REALLY STARTING TO LOOK LIKE A DATE...
O~I!
ERI...
IDIOT...!
HNGH!
HM?
MM~!
NI
CL

HAAH~!?
IT... IT'S OKAY... IF IT'S YOU, TEA...

WHAT'S UP, ERIO-KUN?
...NOTHING. JUST MY IMAGINATION.

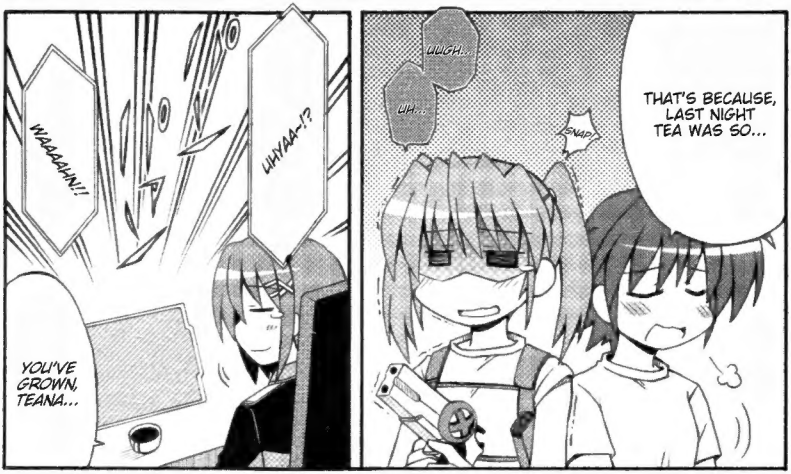
...THEY'VE GONE.
LOOK HERE, YOU. LEARN TO READ THE MOOD A LI...

CRAP. THERE WAS A SPECIAL SCHEDULE TODAY.
HUH!? THE LAST TRAIN'S ALREADY LEFT?

HM~...WELL, IF WE GO BACK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...
THEN I GUESS WE SHOULD FIND A PLACE AROUND HERE TO STAY THE NIGHT.

LATER THAT EVENING
...IT'S GOTTEN REALLY LATE, HUH...
I HAD SO MUCH FUN~♪

THE NEXT DAY



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